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## INTO THE DITCH

BWSSB gets taste of pending work woes

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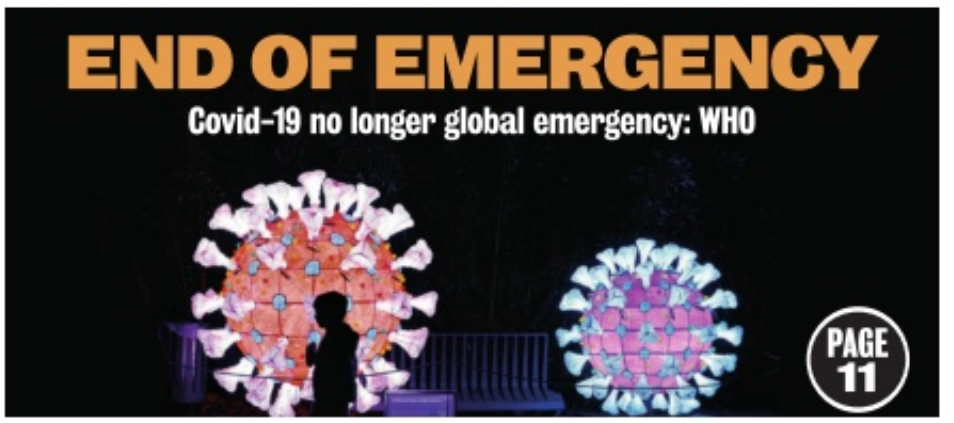

## END OF EMERGENCY

Covid-19 no longer global emergency: WHO

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### Experts suggest too much enthusiasm for eco bricks not a good idea as these are more difficult to recycle and may end up in the landfill

# GREENWASHING BRICK IN THE WALL

## Ragpickers have to spend extra hours to remove plastic from bottles to make them reusable

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There is a fad for every season. Dig deeper and the issues crop up. One such eco-friendly option that was touted as a solution to recycle plastics was ecobricks. Now waste management experts have pointed out that they are not all that eco-friendly after all.

Ecobricks are plastic bottles filled with compacted plastic waste that are becoming increasingly popular as a way to reduce plastic waste in the environment. As the trend caught on, in Bengaluru too its use spread. Many dry waste collection centres (DWCC) in the city have been receiving eco bricks. Experts pointed out that eco bricks are not recyclable and hence they are causing hindrance to segregation of plastics. Ecobricks are also creating a problem for waste pickers.

Many influencers on social media have been showcasing the benefits of eco bricks and their contribution towards reducing plastic

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**“The bottles can be used as a recycling material but by stuffing other plastic materials into it, the bottle has to be kept aside and the plastic material needs to be removed from it again. This results in a lot of problems as the waste pickers have to put in extra efforts to remove it**

– Mansoor Ghouse, DWCC in Pattabhirama Nagar

# What’s in a name?

## Call it Indira Canteen or Atal Kendra, make sure it is beneficial for people, workers, say stakeholders

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Even as contractors struggle to keep Indira Canteens afloat, the BJP’s announcement to start Atal Ahara Kendras has put them on more shaky ground.

There has been a question mark on the fate of Indira Canteens for some time now, but this promise in the BJP manifesto to establish Atal Kendras is being seen as a final blow. The plan is to set up Atal Kendras in every ward of every municipal corporation of the state in a bid to provide ‘affordable, quality and healthy food across the state’. The manifesto further added that the focus of these kendras will remain on delivery boys, cab, auto drivers and the unorganised sector.

While this promises a better system of affordable and healthy food for citizens of the state, it is very similar to the concept of Indira Canteens. Contractors of Indira Canteens have been struggling to keep the lights on. Many canteens have not received proper supply of electricity or water for months.

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## 3 THINGS TO DO

### 01 Seasons and more!

Bangalore Creative Circus presents First Drop Theatre's `Seasons`, a performance in the format of Playback Theatre. Seasons... they come and they go, sometimes lasting longer than we wish for and at other times, leaving too soon. Many a time, the season outside is just a reflection of what we are carrying within us but often, the two are also at odds with each other. Share your real-life moments and feelings about your seasons, and then watch our actors bring your stories to life, on-the-spot.

**Where: Bangalore Creative Circus,**
**When: May 6, 5pm**
**Tickets: bookmyshow.com**

### 02 Music mix

Grab a chance to visit a unique and classy concert by sitarist Chirag Katti, who is known for his versatility. He tackles difficult raagas with confidence. The concert is a mix of Indian classical, fusion, and folk music and features a rare jugalbandi by Chirag and his brother, Chintan Katti.

**Where: Windmills, 6th Floor, 331, Road 5B, EPIP Zone Whitefield**
**When: Saturday, May 6; 9:30 pm onwards**

### 03 Flea market

The 'Artisan Bazaar' is a collective of artists, designers, and makers who have come together to offer their high-quality, limited quantity products. The city's culture, art lovers and shoppers are in for a treat, as Flea080 is back and this time with the theme of a colourful 'Artisan Bazaar'.

**Where: White Houzz, HSR Layout**
**When: Till May 9, 11am to 9pm**

**Holy celebration**

Buddhist monks offer prayers on the occasion of Buddha Purinima on Friday

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# WFH? Mind your posture!

## City doctors observe increase in cases of youngsters seeking physiotherapy; say focus on strengthening and posture correction exercises can relieve pain

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With many companies still following a hybrid work culture, health professionals are observing an increase in cases of youngsters requiring physiotherapy on a daily basis.

According to Dr Palak Dengla, Chief Physiotherapist, Aster RV Hospital, about 83 per cent of IT professionals following a work-from-home model do not follow the right ergonomics. They recline on their couches in living room, on their beds, in their chairs, hardly sitting in the bio-mechanically correct posture. Long hours of faulty sitting are leading to Piriformis syndrome or gluteal amnesia. "These days, it is commonly found that 75 per cent of the youth between 20 - 35 years have low back pain whereas clients above age of 35 years have more of both, neck and back pain," said Dr Dengla.

In one of the case studies shared by Dr Dengla, a 33-year-old came to emergency department at night with acute neck pain, radiating to the mid-back and left arm. Looking at the signs and symptoms, he was taken for an immediate cardiac evaluation, where fortunately, his ECG, Troponin, and Echocardiogram were all normal. But the biggest question was that the pain was still not settling, so he was given tramadol injection as a first aid, his pain did reduce after few hours, but the pain was same the next day.

Doctors say that 83% of IT professionals do not follow right ergonomics

Dr Dengla said, "He was then referred to the physiotherapy department, and on assessment, it was noticed that he had numerous trigger points in his upper back, neck and mid back due to faulty work posture. His muscles were quite weak and under spasm due to the wrong ergonomics being followed. He was then treated with pain management modalities and myofascial release, dry needling, scapular rehabilitation, TheraBand strengthening exercises and postural correction stretches. He was immediately 60 – 70 per cent better with no invasive medical treatment."

In another case, a 26-year-old came experienced lower back pain after working for 10 hours straight on his laptop without taking sufficient breaks. Despite taking heavy NSAIDS for 10 days, his pain did not improve until he received physiotherapy treatment focused on strengthening and posture correction exercises. Within 15 days, he was able to sit for 30 minutes without experiencing pain.

According to Shatrunjay Sharan, a physiotherapist at Move Well in MEI layout, there was increase in the number of young patients seeking physiotherapy due to other reasons.

"Firstly, a section of youngsters who are not accustomed to regular exercise are trying to play various sports with their friends for fun and end up twisting their bones. Secondly, many young bikers are falling prey to accidents who are seeking physiotherapy. Recently, I had a 28-year-old Bengalurean who was biking near Charmadi ghat. Though he was travelling in the right direction, a truck tried to overtake him, pushing him to a nearby valley. Luckily, he was spotted by a few locals, who rushed him to a government hospital in Mudigere. He was then rushed to a private hospital in Bengaluru where he underwent a surgery. Now, he is undergoing physiotherapy and recuperating well," he said.

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Dr Veena Sisodia, Consultant Physiotherapist, Apollo Clinics, disclosed there has also been an increase in awareness. "The Bengaluru population is educated and well informed. They understand the importance of the physical aspects of healthcare. More and more people are understanding that a poor posture or wrongly aligned jointed can be best managed by physiotherapy. Also, social media has had an impact. When patients see Dwayne Johnson getting cupping therapy or Sachin Tendulkar getting dry needling, they seek similar form of therapy. "

# Violent times? Caste-based crimes on rise

## K'taka recorded 459 cases of crimes against SC/STs by non SC/STs in '23: Data

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Karnataka has recorded 459 cases for crimes against Scheduled Castes and Tribes by non SCs/STs in 2023. Out of them, 375 cases are of offences under the SC and ST (prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989.

According to the data by the state police, 46 rape cases have been reported in the state as of March 2023 and 15 cases were of murders.

The state also recorded 20 kidnapping cases and three for offences under the Protection of Civil Rights Act. In Bengaluru, 59 cases were recorded under the SC ST & POA Act.

The data says 46 rape cases have been reported in K'taka till March '23

Activists say that there is a recent increase in caste violence because elections are approaching. They claim that people are sometimes forced and manipulated or physically assaulted to make them vote for a particular party.

"Every time election season approaches, caste violence increases. But the problem is that the cases go unreported and specially in cities, there would be 100 cases in every district when it comes to atrocities on Dalits but only a few of them make it into police records. People in villages are agitated and they would fight and complain when they face caste discrimination but what we have noticed is that city people would ignore it fearing the people around them," said Pradeep More, Deputy Director, Dalit Foundation.

He adds that the government has introduced a toll-free number to report such cases, but hardly people know about it.

"Apart from the number the central and state government has set up, they have not done much to prevent caste-related crime. There are mechanisms in Telangana where the gram panchayat is supposed to create awareness about the atrocities act; I think other states can also follow that," he added.

R Manohar Regional Coordinator, Human Rights Defenders Alert India(HRDA) & Director of CARE, says that there is an increase in cases because the perpetrators are aware that they will not get convicted.

> **Apart from the number the central and state government has set up, they have not done much to prevent caste-related crimes**
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> —Pradeep More, Deputy Director, Dalit Foundation

"The investigation for caste related crimes is in a terrible condition. The system also does not record all the cases and there are several instances of intimidation where the victim is tortured and blackmailed. The perpetrators who are from the dominant caste know that the conviction rate is very low and they can easily get away using muscle and money power," said Manohar.

# Buried in the hole truth

## Kalpalli cemetery ground employees aided by cops repair hole to prevent unauthorised entry

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Almost a year ago, some people had opened a 3-feet opening at Kalpalli burial ground to carry out their illegal activities without any hassles. The opening at the compound wall had facilitated the culprits to enter the burial ground and snatch the mobile phones of pedestrians and two-wheeler riders.

Bangalore Mirror published the story – Unrest in peace – on July 16, 2022, narrating this issue.

The BBMP authorities who promised to fix the problem in July 2022 have forgotten -- conveniently -- about it.

Meanwhile, Pulikeshi Nagar police have also noticed the opening."During night rounds, the Police Inspector and I noticed the miscreants. They even snatched mobile phones from pedestrians and two-wheeler riders. We tried to take their vehicles to the police station. They complained to Indiranagar police who without knowing about the issue, contacted us about missing vehicles," said Assistant Sub-Inspector Umesh E.

The compound wall before and after repairing

> **We spent around Rs 3,000 towards cement, sand and wages for the masonry**
>
> — Sathya, a burial ground employee

The assistant sub-inspector said that he along with his colleagues visited the spot. "Once the hole is filled, it will prevent them from entering illegally," said the ASI.

Sathya, an employee of Kalpalli burial ground, told Bangalore Mirror such people were a threat not only to pedestrians but also the families of grave diggers. "We had informed the BBMP engineer who assured us to fix the issue but did nothing till date. So, we took up the work on our own with support and guidance from Pulikeshi Nagar police. We spent around Rs 3,000 towards cement, sand and wages for the masonry," said Sathya.

Meanwhile, BBMP assistant engineer (Hoysala Nagar ward) Narasimha Murthy said that he was not aware of the hole at Kalpalli burial ground compound wall. "I visited Kalpalli burial ground recently . No one informed me about the hole," he said.

# Digging for trouble in Doddamara Road

## BWSSB excavator falls into ditch; residents say asphalt work pending for two years

The BWSSB excavator that fell into a ditch on Thursday after rains

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An excavator belonging to the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) fell into a ditch on Thursday after the heavy downpour resulted in slushy roads. The residents living nearby Doddamara Road alleged that pipeline work has been pending for two long years, and this has resulted in them facing commuting issues as the muddy road has still not been asphalted.

They said that the BWSSB work is underway for laying the Cauvery 5th stage pipeline on Doddamara Road. The pipeline work on this stretch, from Hosa Road Junction to Notredame Academy, is still pending. They revealed that the project is a crucial link that will provide Cauvery water to Kadugodi and Hadosiddapura 48ML storage, benefiting 103 villages in East Bengaluru.

A member from Citizens Movement, Easy Bengaluru, said, "According to BWSSB officials, the work is delayed due to litigation on a 100-meter stretch near Hosa Road. The Public Works Department (PWD), which owns the road, has not taken ownership of the road and provided a litigation-free passage to BWSSB. After two years of waiting, for the past four months, BWSSB is trying to put the pipe at both ends of the litigated part to make their case stronger in court. However, the work done by BWSSB is moving at a snail's pace, causing traffic snarls on the road. They couldn't utilise the dry season properly and are now trying to finish it when the rains have already started in Bengaluru. Over 363m of pipeline work is done, and 36m is still pending."

> **The negligence of govt officials was exposed when the excavator itself fell into the ditch. Anyone else commuting through the stretch could have fallen**
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> – Resident of the area

Another resident said that they have been facing difficulties due to the ongoing work for the past two years. "The authorities should have completed the work before the rainy season began. However, their progress has been sluggish, resulting in traffic disruptions and inconvenience for residents. The negligence of government officials was exposed when the BWSSB's excavator itself fell into the ditch. Anyone else commuting through the stretch could have fallen," they said, adding that this highlights the safety issue facing every resident in the area.

Another resident said that they are unable to move freely because of the ongoing work. "It is causing a lot of inconvenience to us, and we are worried about the safety of our children," they said.

The citizens alleged that the lack of coordination between government bodies such as the PWD, BWSSB, and Panchayats, as well as the inefficiency of contractors hired by BWSSB, has led to the problem.

# Will Manjunath Nagar flyover pass test?

## IISc researchers conduct 30-ton load test on flyover to evaluate stability

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Indian Institute of Science (IISc) researchers have conducted a 30-ton load test on the Manjunath Nagar flyover to evaluate its structural stability. The researchers will submit a detailed report to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) within two weeks. A few months ago, the flyover near the West of Chord Road had developed gaps in the earthen-reinforced panels. Subsequently, BBMP took up some repair work and announced the reopening of the flyover on January 29. Previously, the civic had stated that the displacement of the panel was due to compacting. The flyover was built in 2019 at the cost of Rs 18 crore.

A view of the Manjunath Nagar flyover near West of chord Road

The Palike had taken some measurements to assess further impact on the panels, but the method was too crude, so they approached IISc to assist with the evaluation. IISc agreed to take up the load testing work at a cost of Rs 15 lakh.

Dr Chandra Kishen JM, Professor at the Department of Civil Engineering, IISc, spoke to Bangalore Mirror and said that the load test was conducted last Monday and Tuesday. "The reinforced earth panels on the ramp side of the flyover were coming out earlier. Vehicles have been moving on the flyover for the past four years. We identified that the best way to assess the situation would be to conduct a load test," he said.

He explained that a load test would help them identify the movement of the reinforced panels. Normally, the loads on the flyover are restricted to 15-20 tons. For the test, they used a 30-ton loaded truck and sensors were installed on the panels. "Since the movement was limited, we had to mount some extremely sensitive sensors. We mounted 30 sensors on the panels and tested the truck at different speeds. The truck was tested at 5-40 kmph. During the test, data points were collected, and now we need to analyse the data. The detailed report will be submitted to BBMP within two weeks," he said.

After analysing the data, researchers will be able to identify whether the structure is stable from the perspective of principle mechanics. "The cracks developed on the flyover were not structural cracks, but the movement of the panels was more concerning. We also needed to assess the life of the flyover and calculate the fatigue capacity after taking into consideration the increasing moving loads on the structure," he added.

The flyover, built under the Nagarothana scheme, is part of the signal-free corridor undertaken by the state government and BBMP.

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### Maintenance needed

**Hosa Road**

To address the issue of garbage on the roadside and poor condition of roads in the Hosa Road area, urgent action is required.

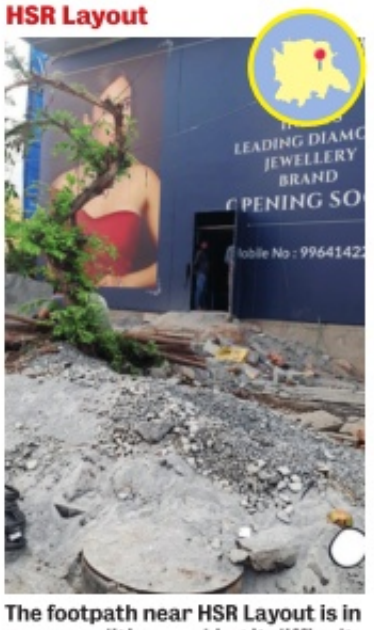
### Garbage burning

**Subbanapalya**

Garbage is being dumped in open sites and set on fire, making it difficult for people to breathe in the area near 2nd Cross, Subbanapalya, Banaswadi Road Cross.

### Pedestrian safety?

**HSR Layout**




The footpath near HSR Layout is in poor condition, making it difficult for pedestrians to walk safely.

# VVIP visit brings 'weekend lockdown'

## Modi's rally is costing many Bengalureans their weekend; police ask residents in certain areas to stay indoors

POLL VAULT

BJP supporters gather during a public rally of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Bengaluru

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Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's roadshow today and tomorrow, a set of instructions issued by a local police station in south Bengaluru to at least four apartment complexes located on the proposed route has left residents fuming.

The one-page instruction by the Puttenahalli police station mentions that vehicular movement on the stretch will be restricted till 6 pm tomorrow. Moreover, the entry and exit points of these residential complexes will also be closed. The instruction further prohibits the occupants from gathering on their balconies and terraces during the roadshow.

"We have issued a set of instructions for the residents of apartment complexes which are on the route as a precautionary measure. We want to avoid any untoward incident. This will ease surveillance activities for our men," said a police official.

> **"On Sunday I would have liked to step out and have a cup of coffee. However, we will have to keep to ourselves**
>
> – Resident of Malleswaram

Interestingly, citing inconvenience to citizens, the BJP had revised the roadshow schedule recently. As per the earlier plan, the roadshow was to cover nearly 37 km from north to south and east to west today. However, the day-long plan was cut short to 3.5 hours and extended to Sunday, keeping public inconvenience in mind.

However, citizens say that political campaigns, including the upcoming roadshow by Modi, have proved to be problematic for them. Residents from multiple areas said that the traffic situation has deteriorated already.

"Traffic has worsened in our area starting Friday morning itself. I stepped out in the morning to get breakfast and the roads were already barricaded. What normally takes me five minutes to commute, took over half an hour. The political parties can do roadshows wherever they want but residential areas should be exempted," said a resident from south Bengaluru.

Bangaloreans say while such rallies and roadshows have always happened during the elections, the Prime Minister visiting the city and participating in the campaigns has made it more chaotic.

"On a Sunday I would have liked to step out and have a cup of coffee. However, with the roadshow scheduled, we will have to keep ourselves, locked inside our houses," said a resident of Malleswaram.

According to the Sunday schedule of the roadshow, the 25-km rally from south to central Bengaluru will kick off from the Puttenahalli area at 10:30 am and will end in Malleswaram at 2:30 pm.

Today, the roadshow will begin from Kempegowda Statue at New Thippasandra and end at the War Memorial on Brigade Road at 1:30 pm.

What shopkeepers think P8

### NEET takers worried

With VVIPs camping in Bengaluru for the final weekend of the poll campaign, educationists are worried that students writing the NEET exam tomorrow may be affected. A few of them have written a letter to the Election Commission, asking not to permit the campaigns. The Karnataka Private School Managements' Teaching and non-teaching staff coordination committee convenor, D Shashi Kumar, said, "We have written to the EC, wondering how they can permit a roadshow by the PM which covers many areas. Lakhs of students will be reaching exam centres. As there are several restrictions, it is bound to affect traffic."

Reacting to this, Bengaluru Central MP PC Mohan said, "The PM has directed us to ensure that students taking the NEET should not face any difficulties. As a result, the 26 km roadshow has been extended to Saturday, while a shorter 10 km roadshow will be held between 10 am to 11.30 am on Sunday.
Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje said that not many exam centres are located on the stretch where the roadshow will be held on Sunday. She said that if there are any students coming from that region, they should produce their hall tickets to police officials who have been directed to ensure students reach exam centres on time.

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The Makali-Huskur-Railway Gollahalli Road is turning out to be the new destination for property buyers. Many are investing properties as the infrastructure looks promising as well as a number of new projects coming up in the vicinity. Many apartment complexes including the BDA villas have sprung up in and around the area. There are a few resorts as well. The APMC yard has been constructed near Huskur

and a number of layouts are offering properties that suit every price range.

Sunil Kumar, a realtor said, "The road is dotted with a number of warehouses. Some of the top e-commerce companies have set up their warehouses. There are top MNCs in the area.

Many want to buy properties here as they can easily travel to their work places. The Metro phase two will soon be operational till BIEC and thanks to Metro, the connectivity to the city will be easier. Realtor Kishore Reddy, CMD, MANA Projects Pvt. Ltd said that the opening of the metro line will further boost the appeal of the nearby areas as they offer residents the convenience of living closer to their workplaces, thereby improving their work-life balance.

The boost for properties can already been seen at Whitefield, Sarjapur, and Electronic City areas form the highly coveted golden triangle of Bengaluru city, where business parks and IT hubs have rapidly emerged, making it an attractive destination for working professionals. There is a growing demand in these prime locations towards providing high-quality projects that cater to the needs of the consumers, thus enabling them to save time and money on daily commutes from distant areas."

Meanwhile, Bengaluru has recorded 14 per cent absorption according to the latest India Market Monitor-Q1 2023 report which highlights the growth, trends, and dynamics across various segments of the real estate sector in India. The report states that during the first quarter of this year, Ahmedabad led the absorption with a 27 per cent share, followed by Delhi-NCR at 26 per cent and Bengaluru and Chennai at 14 per cent each. The cumulative leasing share of the three cities in total leasing stood at 81 per cent.

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Anshuman Magazine, Chairman and CEO, CBRE, said, "Retail supply this year is expected to surpass 2022 levels owing to pent-up supply addition, with several investment grade projects launched in the past two years set to become operational in 2023. This would give a fillip to primary leasing, which is likely to be the main demand driver for retail space in 2023."

The report further stated that the residential sector was likely to witness continued momentum in sales and launch activity.

"Strong sales and launch momentum is expected in the first half of 2023; a minor tapering in activity likely in the middle of the year but its impact could be cushioned by the festive season. Capital value appreciation trends would vary based on the segment, city / micro-market, unsold inventory levels and even project attributes.

Hence, developers are likely to be cautious about raising prices lest it impacts homebuyers' purchasing power. As of now, projects in the higher ticket range (INR 1.5 crore and above) would continue to see traction in sales as the market has witnessed a spate of new launches in this bracket of late. Moreover, the impact of rising home mortgage rates would be limited on this segment.

Projects with better amenities, focus on health and safety and clean surroundings to further gain an edge amidst evolving consumer preferences. As large developers foray into tier-II cities, we expect to see a higher number of joint ventures and joint development initiatives as they strike partnerships with local players with an aim to manage regulatory hurdles and understand consumer preferences," it said.

**– Prakash VL**

# Why more millennials are opting to buy than rent

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Nearly 45 per cent of Indian respondents plan to move into a new home over the next two years and most of them, including millennials, want to purchase residential properties instead of renting, stated a CBRE report titled, 'Voices from India: How will people live, work and shop in the future?'.

The report further stated, 'Our 2016 survey indicated that millennials were the 'generation rent', as 68 per cent of our respondents then (who were staying away from parents) preferred to rent than buy a home. However, in a complete reversal of trend, almost 70 per cent of both, early and late millennials now prefer to purchase when planning to relocate.'

## Rise of millennial buyers

Talking about why millennial homebuyers are positively looking at real estate, Samyak Jain, director of a realty group says, "Key factors include the necessity of owning a home in the best location/neighbourhood, having an asset for a secured future, attractive interest rate plans by banks, and lucrative payment schemes offered by developers, etc."

Millennials have also realised the benefits of investing early in their careers. "Because they are young, their income is bound to increase as they grow in their career, reducing the percentage of the total income allotted towards home loan EMI. This will allow them to save more, or prepay their home loan. This arrangement also allows the buyer to acquire an appreciating asset," said opines Mohit Ramsinghani, chief of sales of a real estate group. **Times Property**

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# Nature of disconnect

Before news of note from the week that was, aptly topical is an excerpt from Erich Fromm's 'Man for Himself'.

Fromm writes: "...Rational authority has its source in competence. The person whose authority is respected functions competently in the task with which he is entrusted by those who conferred it upon him... The source of irrational authority, on the other hand, is always power over people. This power can be physical or mental, it can be realistic or only relative in terms of the anxiety and helplessness of the person submitting to this authority... Rational authority is based upon the equality of both authority and subject, which differ only with respect to the degree of knowledge or skill in a particular field. Irrational authority is by its very nature based upon inequality, implying difference in value..."

The link is clear between surging inequality and irrational authority of regimes that cling like leeches to power and sucks dry the life blood of fellow citizens.

Lately there's been much talk about 'AI-generated' news stories. The real worry, however, is about the aftermath of such 'glitches in the AI matrix', if it were to be hijacked by such irrational authorities that now have much of the global south in stranglehold.

There is no such thing as AI journalism. There simply cannot be, if you cared for tens of millions of reporters, and desk hands, slogging away to get you original stories based on facts every day.

News often doesn't break over data sets held in servers nor is put together by large language models. Analyses do and surely tech can help.

Is the oft-inappropriate or disproportionate sensibility and elephantine ego of irrational power, almost always towering over the weak and vulnerable, bestowed way too much reverence?

A curious case was the deletion of a cartoon that appeared in a newspaper, critiquing Richard Sharp, for alleged 'anti-semitic' undertones.

The disgraced ex-chairman of the BBC had resigned after allegations of his links with the disgraced ex-prime minister Boris Johnson and on how the former facilitated a loan for Boris and got himself to be the chair of the broadcasting corporation.

A caricature is an exaggeration and always the intention of the cartoonist. If you are to see distaste only in caricatures and close your eyes to hard facts, such as Israeli excesses on Palestinians, that needs to be flagged too.

Meanwhile at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, the permanent protest venue in the national capital, wrestlers continue their agitation demanding fair action against alleged sexual abuse and harassment while news of another instance appeared of remission of a prison sentence, this time with legal sanction, in Nitish Kumar's Bihar.

In Karnataka as survey after survey calls the assembly election in favour of opposition Congress or gives the party the edge, according to many reviewers a largely nonsensical film, 'The Kerala Story', was released at opportune time depicting the neighbouring state in a bad light - as 'terror infested' and so forth which has hardly any basis in fact.

Every election in India is fought on issues that resonate with the electorate or has been the case: 'This is not about you', said Rahul Gandhi of the Congress in a sharp retort to prime minister Modi's reference to instances where the latter said he was demeaned and ridiculed by opposition leaders in the run up to the key assembly election.

As the poll rhetoric hits base levels - when votes are sought painting the neighbour in a bad light - perhaps not only in India but also elsewhere, growing frustration of alienated citizens are mirrored in news story after news story, especially of the violent kind.

For example, in the United States, the volatile political setting has a connection to the increase in the number of firearms: "Some experts estimate there are more than 400 million firearms circulating in the US, more than the country's population of 332 million," according to Ramon Antonio Vargas writing in the Guardian.

Another news report in the Guardian revealed Tunisia is thinking of building more cemeteries as the existing ones cannot handle the number of dead bodies of migrants washing up ashore after their boats sink in the Mediterranean — 2023 has been the deadliest for refugees seeking asylum in Europe after 2017, the story said.

'Last year 800 bodies washed up along Tunisian shores; in 2023, more than 300 bodies have been reported already'.

"Bodies, including those of children and pregnant women, often turn up on the beaches of Tunisia, where they are collected and buried," — news like this, commonplace now, often goes unreported or is not given the media attention it deserves.

Such is the nature of the disconnect that we have the coronation of a king and a booming economy of war, a part time venture of rogue states.

# 'Small businesses will suffer due to rallies'

## Shopkeepers unhappy after being asked to shut their business for days before PM's roadshow; say it is financial blow to them

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Indiranagar all decked up before the roadshow

The city is all set for two days of rallies by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On day one, the road show will begin from the Kempe Gowda statue at New Thippasandra and end at the War Memorial on Brigade Road. It will resume on Sunday from the War Memorial and end at Sankey Lake.

Bangalore mirror spoke to a few shopkeepers of the locality on their views on the effect of the rally.

S Babu, a tyre shop owner in Thippasandra, said that he has been asked to shut his business for three days due to the rally.

"They asked us to shut the shop for sanitisation and drilling in the area. People working with me face a lot of financial problems due to this situation. Rain water has filled the 4th main road in Thippasandra but the authorities are not concerned as Modi is not crossing this route. The PM should focus on Manipur where the situation is unstable rather than spend our tax money conducting rallies. The irony is his government privatised BEML and he's starting the rally from the same locality. He used to sell tea, but he does not understand that a lot of small businesses in the area have suffered terribly due to this rally," said he.

Hemanth K, a member of NGO 'Rise UP For Rights' in Indiranagar, said the rally is affecting people economically. "When Priyanka Gandhi visited the city, it was not this troublesome as shops were not shut for this long. The Prime Minister is welcome but this rally is equal to shutting the city down. These restrictions are uncalled for at an election rally."

Ashwini, a resident of Thippasandra, said that the party has to understand the problems that the road show is causing. "In the name of security they have been troubling us for the past 2-3 days. Many roads are closed leading to traffic blockage. It's becoming troublesome for ambulances, old people and people going to work are stuck for 3-4 hours. It's an economic loss for auto drivers and cab drivers too."

> **"They asked us to shut the shop for sanitisation and drilling in the area. People are facing financial problems**

Shekhar, another vendor in Thippasandra, said that it used to take five minutes for him to reach his home but now it takes 15 minutes. "With the mass gathering, people are worried about incidents like chain snatching and pick pockets. With all cops busy with bandobast, they don't entertain the common man's complaints. Just because a VVIP is coming they have decorated the roads. Because of that, at least for one day, we'll get to see a good environment. I wish the area remained this clean even after the rally."

# Get the trees out of the way!

After chopping branches of nearly 50 trees along Siddaiah Puranik road in Basaveshwara Nagar on Thursday, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), moved to Basavangudi on Friday to continue with the carnage. BBMP officials chopped branches of many heritage trees in the area to facilitate the Prime Minister's roadshow happening over the weekend.

While the branches were mercilessly lopped off, citizens stood around, looking at the massacre in utter disbelief. "This city loves its trees like they are our children and the PM is hurting us where it pains most. Huge branches are being mercilessly chopped in the name of 'pruning'. This is not pruning by any means. I hope voters of Bengaluru keep this destruction in mind while voting," said a resident from Basavangudi.

Tree activists and experts in the city say, even BBMP DCF has no authority to remove even the branches of trees if they are not posing any threat to life or property.

"These avenue trees have been there for years without posing any threat. How is it that they are suddenly dangerous? If not, BBMP removing the branches is illegal. There is no provision under the Karnataka Preservation of Tree (Amendment) Act 1976 that gives the DCF to cut trees or branches," said a city-based tree activist. **BMB**

# Wade through the water up to your ankles

## Several low-lying areas in city experience flooding; experts urge that effect on marginalised communities be acknowledged

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Road in Sheshadripuram is water logged after recent pre-monsoon showers

The pre-monsoon showers on Thursday night have proved that Bengaluru is not at all prepared to receive the upcoming monsoon. After some parts of the city received moderate downpours on Thursday night, residents from multiple low-lying areas reported being on the receiving end.

As many as 15 houses in the Bakshi Garden slum area were flooded with ankle-deep sewage water; 10 in Bangi colony and five in Doreswamy Nagar were inundated.

According to the residents of Bakshi Garden slum near Chickpet, blocked storm water drains in the area led to sewage water entering houses, leading to unhygienic living conditions.

"After many houses were flooded in the monsoon rain last year, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) created a barricade to stop the overflow of water from the stormwater drain. Although the Thursday rain spell was only moderate, water seeped in as the barricade created had holes in it. We have yet to recover from the multiple flooding events of the last monsoon season and are still waiting for our compensation. The residents are worried about monsoon rain as summer rain has flooded our houses," said a resident of Bakshi Garden.

Those working with economically weaker communities say these communities have suffered a lot of damage to their household items and goods due to blocked drains. Experts say clearing silt, solid waste, and plastics from the drains nearby such settlements should be a regular activity.

"BBMP should take cognizance of the storm water drain maintenance issue and recognise how it is affecting marginalised communities and their livelihoods. The monsoon is just around the corner, and the civic body must ensure that the drains are clean and free from plastic and other solid waste material," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur of ActionAid Association.

While no water logging incidents were reported by the BBMP, two tree-falling incidents due to gusty wind and rain in Malleswaram and Dasarahalli areas were reported.

The India Meteorological Department's (IMD) Bengaluru observatory recorded a maximum rainfall of 40 mm in Bengaluru city in the 24 hours ending at 8:30 am on Friday, followed by 30 mm in Gopal Nagar near Lal Bagh, 30 mm at Bangalore University campus, 10 mm at HAL Airport observatory, 10 mm in Uttarahalli area, 10 mm in GKVK campus, and 10 mm at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) observatory. The rest of the areas received very light rainfall.

The Thursday rain also brought down the city's temperature. According to IMD, Bengaluru observatory, multiple areas in the city recorded a temperature drop of more than 3 degrees Celsius below normal. While the HAL observatory recorded a drop of 3.6 degrees Celsius below normal, Bengaluru city's temperature was 3.7 degrees Celsius below normal, and KIA recorded a drop of 3.3 degrees Celsius below the normal temperature.

The IMD's forecast for Bengaluru until May 7 is a drop of 2 degrees Celsius below normal in minimum temperature with moderate rainfall during the evenings. No heavy rainfall warning or yellow alert is expected to be issued, but the rainfall may be accompanied by thunderstorms.

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# Fad buster: Eco bricks not as green as you think

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waste. However, social impact organisation Hasiru Dala that focuses on justice for waste pickers pointed out that the bottle and its contents cannot be recycled. Further the eco bricks can only be sent to a landfill or incineration, thereby polluting the air, water and groundwater.

Ecobricks can at best save space, but at worst they can result in damaging the environment.

Mansoor Ghouse, who manages a DWCC in Pattabhirama Nagar, told BM, "We have been getting ecobricks at many DWCCs across the city. People are ending up cutting chips packets or chocolate wrappers and stuffing them into the bottles.

The water bottles can be used as a recycling material but by stuffing other plastic materials into it, the bottle has to be kept aside and the plastic materials need to be removed from it again.

This results in a lot of problems as the waste pickers have to put in extra efforts to remove the materials. Instead people can use bags and put the waste into it and hand it over to the collectors."

Odette Katrak, Cofounder of Beautiful Bengaluru agreed that the method of stuffing non recyclable or low value plastic into bottles is not recommended at all. "This only ends up mixing recyclable bottles with non recyclable items like crisp packets, and so on and it thereby reduces the value to rag pickers and recyclers," Katrak said. According to her, this reduces the chance of it being recycled unless an extra step of sorting is done.

"This just means that a whole lot is more likely to end up in landfill. What we need to keep doing is simple and avoid single-use plastic, consume less of the packaged munchies, segregate carefully, and put all this in dry waste," she suggested.

Ghouse also added that in order to remove the plastic materials from inside the bottle, the waste pickers have to cut the bottle with a knife which is also a risky task. The waste pickers can also accidentally cut their hands on the sharp edges of the plastic bottles, he said.


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# FIR against film academy chairman

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The Subramanyanagar police have registered a first information report (FIR) against Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy chairman Ashok Kashyap and his wife Rekharani for assaulting Kumar S, a movie producer on March 25.

The FIR was registered on May 3 as per the order issued by the XXXIX Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate. The order states that there are prima facie materials to proceed with the case and hence the matter is referred to the Police Inspector of Subramanyanagar Police Station for investigation under the Section 156(3) of Criminal Procedure Code. The court has adjourned the hearing to July 24.

Subramanyanagar police have registered the FIR against Ashok Kashyap and his wife Rekharani under the Sections 34, 324, 326, and 506(B) of the Indian Penal Code Act 1860.

According to the FIR, Kumar S has alleged that Ashok Kashyap and his wife Rekharani attacked him near PVR Gold Class, Orion Mall, Dr Rajkumar Road in Bengaluru on March 25. The complainant stated that he was waiting near PVR Gold Class during the Bengaluru International Film Festival when Ashok Kashyap and his wife Rekha Rani abused him and also assaulted him.

"I sought some information from Ashok Kashyap but instead of providing the information, he used filthy language and assaulted me. I tried to convince him that he has nothing against him but in vain," said Kumar S.

Meanwhile, Rekharani has said that she did not assault Kumar and the allegations are far from truth. "He made false allegations against my husband and me.

Now, I want to assault him to prove that his allegations are true. It has become a habit for Kumar to make allegations against Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy chairman during the Bengaluru International Film Festivals," said Rekharani.

However, Ashok Kashyap was not available for comment.

# What end should canteen politics serve?

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A contractor expressed his concern over the plan to BM. "We are not sure whether the Indira Canteens will be renamed as Atal Kendras or if new ones will be established. The Indira Canteens are in a dire state due to various reasons. We are not receiving the funds required to keep the canteens afloat.

There is no effort being made to revive them. The quality of the food has been on a decline. We are not able to open kitchens or follow the menu. For the past one year, funds are not being released properly," said the contractor. He said that as of now, they have 50 canteens under their belt of which nine in RR Nagar Zone have been shut down and 41 are running.

Social activists feel that irrespective of the name or party proposing the scheme, the focus should be on providing class mobility. "The Congress had started the Indira Canteen and seeing the potential, now BJP wants to take it forward. The model of the canteen was first started in Tamil Nadu as Amma Canteen by Jayalalitha.

The canteen model was a great success in the state and was implemented in Bengaluru. Before implementing such schemes, a survey should be conducted to understand the needs of the community and if canteens fit the purpose. But bigger schemes are needed to empower economically backward communities and increase employment opportunities in the state," said activist Pravin B Sharan.

He gave the example of a public sector labour contractor on a state level. "The contractor should register workers under the unorganised sector and provide wage and job guarantees," he said.

# WHO downgrades covid threat; 'no longer global emergency'

## After three years of mayhem unleashed on economies and human lives, declaration marks symbolic end to pandemic

The World Health Organisation said Friday that covid-19 no longer qualifies as a global emergency, marking a symbolic end to the devastating coronavirus pandemic that triggered once-unthinkable lockdowns, upended economies worldwide and killed at least 70 lakh people worldwide.

WHO said that even though the emergency phase was over, the pandemic hasn't come to an end, noting recent spikes in cases in Southeast Asia and the Middle East. The UN health agency says that thousands of people are still dying from the virus every week.

"It's with great hope that I declare covid-19 over as a global health emergency," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said. "That does not mean covid-9 is over as a global health threat."

When the UN health agency first declared the coronavirus to be an international crisis on January 30, 2020, it hadn't yet been named covid -19 and there were no major outbreaks beyond China.

More than three years later, the virus has caused an estimated 764 million cases globally and about 5 billion people have received at least one dose of vaccine.

In the US, the public health emergency declaration made regarding covid-19 is set to expire on May 11, when wide-ranging measures to support the pandemic response, including vaccine mandates, will end. Many other countries, including Germany, France and Britain, dropped many of their provisions against the pandemic last year.

When Tedros declared covid -19 to be an emergency in 2020, he said his greatest fear was the virus' potential to spread in countries with weak health systems he described as "ill-prepared."

In fact, some of the countries that suffered the worst covid -19 death tolls were previously judged to be the best-prepared for a pandemic, including the US and Britain. According to WHO data, the number of deaths reported in Africa account for just 3% of the global total.

WHO made its decision to lower its highest level of alert on Friday, after convening an expert group on Thursday. The UN agency doesn't "declare" pandemics, but first used the term to describe the outbreak in March 2020, when the virus had spread to every continent except Antarctica, long after many other scientists had said a pandemic was already underway. WHO is the only agency mandated to coordinate the world's response to acute health threats, but the organization faltered repeatedly as the coronavirus unfolded. In January 2020, WHO publicly applauded China for its supposed speedy and transparent response, even though recordings of private meetings obtained by The Associated Press showed top officials were frustrated at the country's lack of cooperation.

WHO also recommended against members of the public wearing masks for months, a mistake many health officials say cost lives. Numerous scientists also slammed WHO's reluctance to acknowledge that covid -19 was frequently spread in the air and by people without symptoms. **AP**

India has recorded 3,611 new coronavirus infections, while the active cases have dipped to 33,232 from 36,244, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Friday. The death toll has increased to 5,31,642 with 36 deaths, which includes nine reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated. The Covid case tally was recorded at 4.49 crore (4,49,64,289).

**Active cases in country decrease to 33,232**

The active cases now comprise 0.07 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.74 per cent, the ministry said. The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,43,99,415 while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.18 per cent. According to the ministry's website, 220.66 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide vaccination drive. **PTI**

# Bacterial pneumonia caused Covid deaths, not 'cytokine storm': Study

Secondary bacterial pneumonia that does not resolve was a key driver of death in patients with Covid, according to a study.

Interestingly, it may even exceed death rates from the viral infection itself, said scientists at Northwestern University.

Secondary bacterial infection of the lung (pneumonia) was extremely common in patients with Covid, affecting almost half the patients who required support from mechanical ventilation.

"Our study highlights the importance of preventing, looking for and aggressively treating secondary bacterial pneumonia in critically ill patients with severe pneumonia, including those with Covid-19," said senior author Dr. Benjamin Singer, Associate Professor of medicine at the university's Feinberg School of Medicine.

**The next step in the research will be to use molecular data from the study samples and integrate it with machine learning**

"Those who were cured of their secondary pneumonia were likely to live, while those whose pneumonia did not resolve were more likely to die.

"Our data suggested that the mortality related to the virus itself is relatively low, but other things that happen during the ICU stay, like secondary bacterial pneumonia, offset that," Singer said.

The study was published in the Journal of Clinical Investigation. The scientists also found evidence that Covid does not cause a "cytokine storm", so often believed to cause death.

"The term 'cytokine storm' means an overwhelming inflammation that drives organ failure in your lungs, your kidneys, your brain and other organs," Singer explained.

"If that were true, if cytokine storms were underlying the long length of stay we see in patients with covid-19, we would expect to see frequent transitions to states that are characterised by multi-organ failure. That's not what we saw," he said. **– IANS**

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# BENGALURU SPEAKS

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## STORYBEHINDTHEPHOTO

**BUGGING OUTSIDE** A bug resting on a bud

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Arjun Award winner and one of the most renowned swimmers in India, Nisha Millet, is from Bengaluru. She was also honoured with the Karnataka State Ekalavya Award in 2002. After experiencing drowning at the age of 5, her father supported her to overcome her fear and helped her to swim. Later, she attended Sophia High School in Bengaluru. She went on to win all five gold medals at the senior national level. She also beat India's top swimmers in 1994. She also represented the nation at the 1998 Asian Games. She is the founder of the Nisha Millet Swimming Academy.

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Let's see how much you know about Namma Bengaluru, folks. Tell us something incredible and mind-boggling about this beautiful city and our editors and researchers will check it out. If it's credible, we'll give it a shout-out, with your name and picture.

## TAPTHECHATTER

where Bengalureans speak their mind

**Tell us how birds and stray animals can be helped during summer.**

**Zahera Khan, BM Reader**
We can help birds by keeping an open bowl full of water on terraces, balconies, and even on street corners by keeping open metal used oil tins filled with water. Don't throw the used water in the kitchen and instead use it to feed stray animals.

**Aditya Kamble, BM Reader**
During the summer, we can help stray animals and birds by keeping our garden lush and watered. This helps create a cool environment where animals can take shelter during the heatwave season. Moist soil gives some much-needed relief to paws, while shade from trees allows them to be comfortable amidst the sweltering heat.

**Poornima H Kumar, BM Reader**
Stray animals can be protected by the government by providing more animal shelters. People should come forward to adopt stray animals, along with providing proper medication and healthy food for them.

**Keerthana Deepak, BM Reader**
Due to urbanisation, trees are being cut for building multiplexes, birds are left homeless, and their nests are shattered. NGOs or the public should take the initiative by constructing small ponds for birds to drink from.

**Harini Hemanth, BM Reader**
People pursuing veterinary science are few, so the public wouldn't know in detail about animal care. Wounded stray animals should be taken to the nearest veterinary doctor for further treatment.

**HN Ramamurthy, BM Reader**
The large number of birds like pigeons and sparrows in urban centres is getting reduced due to mobile towers. These towers radiate electromagnetic radiation, which affects birds' movements.

**SPEAK TO US**

What measures must be taken in the city during rainy days to prevent water logging?

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# Joggers Park needs your attention

**Roads in Indiranagar have been left non-asphalted since 2020; despite complaints, nothing has been done**

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Residents in and around Joggers Park in Indiranagar have complained that the roads in the neighbourhood have remained non-asphalted for the last three years.

Ashwini, a resident living in the area, told Bangalore Mirror that the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) had dug out the roads during 2020, just when the pandemic was emerging, to carry out work on pipelines. The project was put to a halt due to covid restrictions, leaving roads in the vicinity in an extremely poor condition - muddy and prone to waterlogging.

Road near Joggers Park is muddy and prone to waterlogging

"The work began again only a month ago. The pipelines have now been laid but the roads are yet to be asphalted. We have had to live in the same condition for the past three years," she said. She added that despite multiple complaints to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) no action has been taken to resolve the issue so far. The rains from the past few days have resulted in the roads being waterlogged. During last year's Monsoons, these roads experienced heavy flooding, Ashwini added.

Residents have consistently alleged that the lack of coordination between the BWSSB and the BBMP, both of whom dig roads to carry out drain works and lay down sanitary pipelines, is responsible for roads remaining in such conditions. In October last year, a woman died after trying to navigate a pothole on a non-asphalted road in Madhavanagar. Citizens in the area, furious over her death, had blamed both BWSSB and BBMP for digging the road to carry out civic work but not asphalting them after the project was completed.

**HEALTH TIP:** Floss, brush, and see a dentist regularly as poor oral health may have many effects; it can lead to poor nutrition and pain

Make sure you only take antibiotics if prescribed by a qualified health professional, and once prescribed, complete the treatment days as instructed

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# HOLD ON TIGHT

## How electric, automated cars are aggravating motion sickness

Around 25-30 per cent of the population regularly suffers from motion sickness - a figure which some reckon to be conservative. Symptoms of this poorly understood illness include nausea, sweating, pallor, hypothermia, headaches, and vomiting. Mildly affected patients might also experience drowsiness, apathy, or decreased cognitive abilities. It is estimated 60 to 70 per cent of travellers will suffer from it at some point.

Motion sickness is experienced most commonly in cars, giving rise to the term car sickness. Passengers are prone to feeling sick because they are deprived of the capacity to anticipate trajectories, in contrast to drivers.

One would have thought that, in more than a century of automobile development, the issue of carsickness should have been solved.

But that is anything but the case. As road vehicles continue to undergo technological metamorphosis, upheavals such as the electrification, digitalisation and automation of vehicles come with benefits - and issues.

In fact, some technological advances may create or worsen the feeling of imbalance and prevent vehicle occupants from anticipating the itinerary.

As a result, they increase the risk of undergoing sickness symptoms more frequently. Below are those whose effects are already documented.

By nature, an electric motor is more linear and quiet than a combustion engine. This advantage has the downside of preventing certain car users from assimilating the movement of the vehicle. For example, whereas we would associate acceleration with the engine revving in classic cars, electric cars suddenly deprive us of this reference point. Also gone are the combustion engine's vibrations, which some perceive as soothing.

The use of regenerative braking, which captures the kinetic energy from braking and converts it into the electrical power that charges the vehicle's high voltage battery, can also upset passengers' balance.

The decelerations induced by this system are usually low frequency, which is typical of a sickness-inducing motion force.

Another technological advance inducing motion sickness is the growing presence of ever larger and numerous screens inside vehicles.

These screens overburden users with visual information, which discourages them from looking outside. They thereby lose their ability to take in the 'correct' visual signals – ie the external view of the vehicle – which allow them to correctly perceive their position in space. That, in turn, induces sickness.

The rise of screens in cars is likely to increase in the coming years, including vehicles that could even feature screens on glass surfaces or offer on-board virtual reality experiences. This invasive environment can, in turn, impact upon passengers' wellbeing. Indeed, the mere knowledge one is likely to suffer nausea from screens can stress vulnerable passengers, with research linking up to 40 per cent of motion sickness symptoms to passenger psychology.

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The race among car manufacturers to create the first fully-automated vehicle is also likely to worsen the problem. While today's vehicles are only partially automated, in future, they will be able to pilot themselves. As mentioned above, this is problematic when we know the act of driving is the best way to anticipate trajectories and curb symptoms.

Moreover, the disappearance of the driving cockpit will make it possible to redesign vehicle interiors to become more welcoming, like a rolling living room.

These new configurations will give passengers more freedom, allowing them for example to turn their seat rearwards-facing to chat with other occupants.

However, in the collective unconscious, sitting with one's back against the road is associated with the likelihood of becoming sick. Although research has shown that it makes no difference with forward-facing orientations, this is another idea that may constitute a psychological bias toward symptoms.

Finally, let us not forget the incidence of motion sickness ultimately remains moderate in non-automated cars because of drivers' ability to adapt their driving style when their passengers report discomfort.

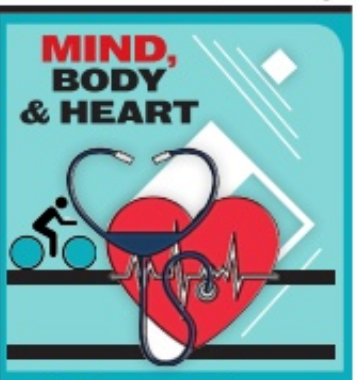
This human dimension is set to disappear in autonomous vehicles, whose driving style will be less flexible and less natural than that of a human driver.

In the absence of effective means to mitigate motion sickness in cars, aggravated symptoms may ultimately lead consumers to reject such highly-evolved vehicles. Considering the ethical, psychological and legal dimensions related to their development, it may be that human beings would become the main obstacle to the adoption of these new types of vehicles.

For these reasons, automotive manufacturers and suppliers have shown growing interest in this phenomenon in recent years. Their purpose is to better understand it to alleviate it effectively - not out of public interest but because it could compromise the successful launch of their future products.

To date, the exact causes of motion sickness are still unclear, prompting industrial research to focus on how to limit its occurrence.

*— By William Emond (The Conversation)*




## All problems solved

*Dear Coleen*

**I'm a woman in my 20s and feel very concerned about the state of my parents' marriage.**
**I spent a week with them and they fought like cat and dog the entire time. They're both semi-retired, which should be a nice situation to be in, but they're always at each other's throats.**
**My mum has always been outgoing with a busy social life, and that's still the case, but my dad is quieter. When I was with them mum went out a lot and then dad would have a go at her for being absent. They argued over just about everything, from dinner to politics. It was uncomfortable, but they didn't seem to care that I was there.**
**Maybe they'd be happier apart. Although that makes me sad, it also upsets me to see them so unhappy. Should I tell them what I think?**
**My younger brother is of the opinion we shouldn't interfere.**

**COLEEN SAYS**

I think your brother is right to a degree – it's their relationship and for them to sort out. However, if I were there when they were arguing, I'd probably ask if they argued like that all the time. Or, if you find it easier to open up to one parent, take them out for a coffee and ask if they're happy.

Then you can say the arguing made you feel uncomfortable and a bit worried when you came to stay and just wanted to make sure they're OK.

They might laugh it off and say that it's just the way they are – some people really love each other but they row a lot.

However, it might make them wake up a bit to how they're relating to each other and how their behaviour comes across to other people.

Or, if it turns out there are problems in the marriage, then make the decision to support both of them with whatever they decide.

**—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror**

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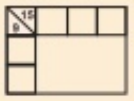
## SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

(-5)2-4(2)(-3) = ?

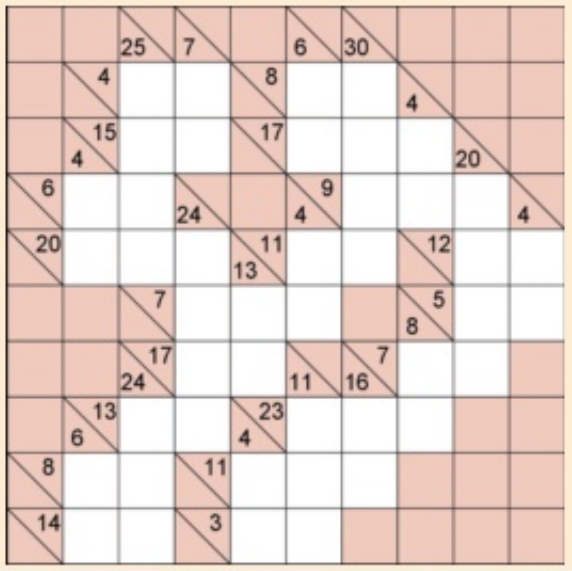
## Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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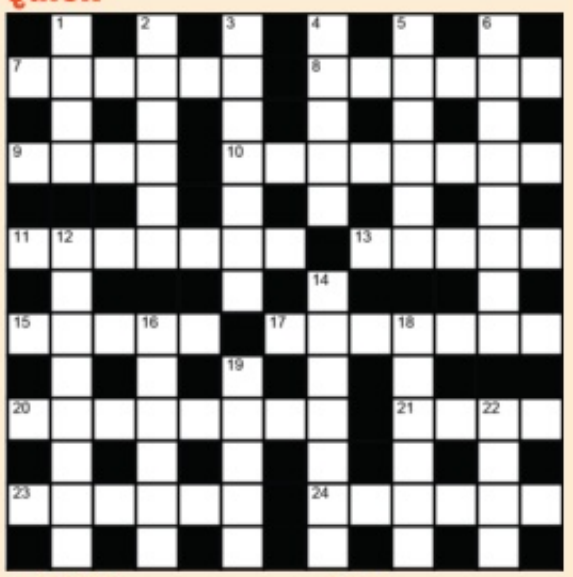


**ACROSS**

7 Capital of Assam (6)
8 Conservatives (6)
9 Legume seed (4)
10 Try to win favour of someone by flattery (4,2,2)
11 Short simple songs (7)
13 Underneath (5)
15 Rot away (5)
17 Sounding discordantly (7)
20 Insulin deficient person (8)
21 Famous temple in Basavanagudi (4)
23 A group of six musicians (6)
24 Mark of new driver (1-5)

**DOWN**

1 Dossier (4)
2 A small upright piano (6)
3 Tiny quantity of liquid (7)
4 Of equal value ? (2,3)
5 Grumble or complain (6)
6 Descended, deflated or ebbed (4,4)
12 Expressed in detail (8)
14 Jeer or boo (7)
16 Men in charge of monasteries (6)
18 Mob or crowd (6)
19 Proofer's notations (5)
22 Overdue (4)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: B EQUALS T**

DTGSQ BYTB YTOS GYTHVSX KQ BYS VCQB SQGTNS KQ BYS QCCWSQB.

## Linemaro

I am wearing the smile you gave me

## Mindchow

I wish I could show you when you are lonely or in darkness the astonishing light of your own being

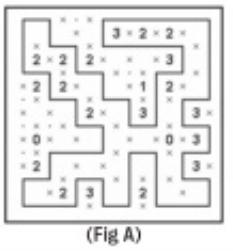
## Joke of the day

Teacher: What came after the stone age and the bronze age?
Johnny: The sausage

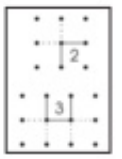
## Loop

### Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

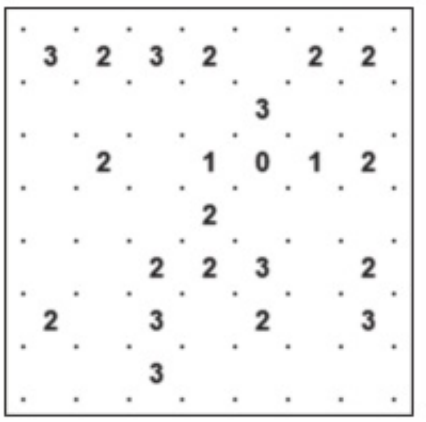


(Fig B) Not Allowed

### How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



## Strikeout

This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

**ACROSS**

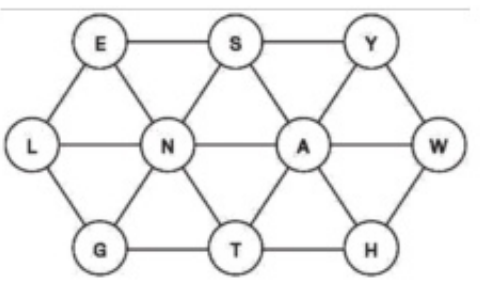
1 For Al; 6 Relax;
7 Roles; 8 Go vie;
9 Yep do

**DOWN**

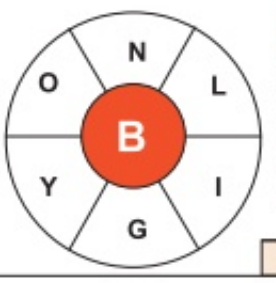
1 Of Old; 2 Goral;
3 Pi lox; 4 Veere;
5 Years

## Mensapuzzle

Find a 10-letter word by travelling from circle to circle.




## Bull's eye




How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

## SudokuChallenge

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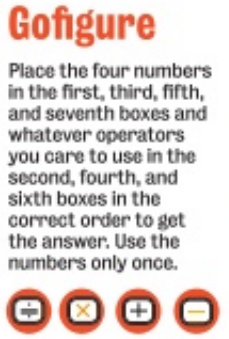
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | | | | | | 3 | |
| | | | | 3 | 2 | 9 | | |
| | | 3 | | | | | 4 | |
| | 1 | | | | 5 | | 9 | 6 |
| 5 | | | 1 | | 6 | | | 3 |
| 6 | 8 | | 7 | | | | 5 | |
| | 7 | | | | | 3 | | |
| | | 8 | 2 | 5 | | | | |
| | 5 | | | | | | 7 | 8 |

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.




## Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

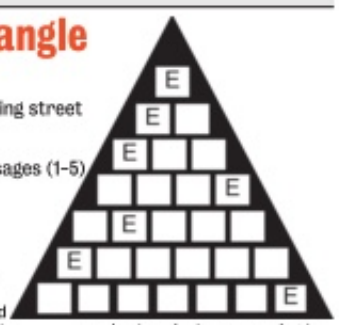
Differences: 1. Ball is moved. 2. Hole is smaller. 3. Arm is longer. 4. Leg is moved. 5. Hat is different. 6. Bush is taller.

## Riddler

What is the longest pair of English words that are pronounced exactly the same but share no letter in common?

## Alpha triangle

1 _ = me square
2 Spanish article
3 Freddy's frightening street
4 Masculine
5 Repasts
6 Some online messages (1-5)
7 Indisposition



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.


DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

# COMICS

## Redeye by Mel Casson

SOME BLIZZARD, HUH, HORSE?!
THIS ISN'T A BLIZZARD
I TAKE IT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE EVER STOOD DOWNWIND FROM A HERD OF BUFFALO WITH DANDRUFF
BUT...

## Bizarrotrip

## Diamond Lil

## Hart of the city

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GOT SUSPENDED FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON!
SSHH!
YOU DIDN'T EVEN TOUCH THAT BASKETBALL PLAYER!
YOU'RE BEING PUNISHED FOR BEING A STAR! IS IT YOUR FAULT THAT THE BASKETBALL TEAM SUCKS?! YOU'RE AN ENTERTAINER!
THIS IS AN ATROCITY!
SSHH!

## Crankshaft

SO THIS IS WHAT THE WALLPAPER ON YOUR HOMEPAGE WILL LOOK LIKE.
IT'S A BOOKSHELF WITH ALL OF YOUR BOOKS ON IT.
WILL THIS HELP ME SELL MORE BOOKS?
IT WILL WHEN WE ADD THE CATS TO IT!

## Mutts

# WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

**Aries** Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you will be busy at work. You will plan to make investments in the business for growth. You will be able to implement your plans easily, which will boost your confidence. Your seniors will praise you, and you will expect to get an important position at work.

**Taurus** Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you will get ample opportunities in terms of work, which will help you grow. With the help of an influential person in terms of partnership, you will benefit from your work. There will be mental peace and happiness around you. Job seekers will hear good news regarding suitable job offers. You will plan to visit a spiritual place.

**Gemini** May 21 – Jun 21
Today, the moon is negative, and there will be some dullness in your nature. You may become arrogant, and it will affect your professional and domestic life. It is advised to drive safely and avoid going on adventure tours. Couples and love birds are advised to keep some distance and control their speech.

**Cancer** Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you will be blessed by a positive moon. Things will be under control now. In partnerships, many issues will be resolved. You will start implementing new plans in your business. Students will make quick decisions regarding their careers, and job seekers will hear good news about new job opportunities. Ego issues between couples will be resolved now.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, things will be somewhat good. Money that was stuck will be recovered easily, increasing liquidity in the business. There will be good news in terms of jobs, and your performance will be good. You can expect promotions. There will also be good news in terms of legal matters.

**Virgo** Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel positive energy around you. You may plan for higher studies to groom your career. You may be busy with the kids. Students are advised to focus on their studies to achieve their desired goals.

**Libra** Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, the moon is not favorable for you. Situations may be somewhat disappointing, and you may be impatient and unable to focus on your goals. It is advised to postpone investments in fixed assets for a while.

**Scorpio** Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may feel internal strength, and your energy may help you complete your projects before the timeline. You may hear some good news related to siblings, and there may be some short business trips possible.

**Sagittarius** Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you will be happy. You will spend good time with your family or friends, and you may buy something for them. Domestic harmony will improve, but you are advised to control your straightforwardness and harsh speech.

**Capricorn** Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, the time will be favorable. Your focus will be good, and you will be busy implementing your plans for business growth. Your prestige in society will increase. You will make new partners in the business, which will benefit you in the near future.

**Aquarius** Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you will feel dull, and negativity may pull you back from making strong decisions, affecting your professional commitments. You will not be able to complete tasks on time. It is advised to avoid adventure tours or rushing while driving.

**Pisces** Feb 20 – Mar 20
Your losses will convert into profits now, increasing liquidity in the business. You will generate some extra income, and your kids' health will improve. Lovebirds will make decisions regarding marriage. With the help of wisdom, you will keep yourself safe from any conspiracies against you.

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Kaveri Sriram, 8 years, IISB school

Likith Gowda HS, 13 years, SMVN school

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**BULL'S EYE**
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**STRIKE OUT**

**FAST FIVE**

**QUICK**

**MENSA PUZZLE**
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**QUOTE UNCODE**
Faces that have charmed us the most escape us the soonest.

**SUDOKU**

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**ALPHA TRIANGLE**
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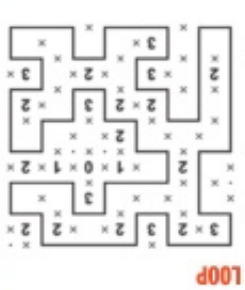

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**Friendly banter—** Actress Swara Bhasker, who was spotted attending the screening of 'Afwaah', was seen telling the paparazzi to talk to her like they did with supermodel Gigi Hadid during her visit to the country last month

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# Grateful Disha

Disha Patani who made her Bollywood debut with 'M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story' in 2016, expressed gratitude as the biopic is all set to re-release in theatres next week.

Playing the pivotal role of Priyanka Jha, the girlfriend of MS Dhoni played by the late actor Sushant Singh Rajput, with just a small screen time in the film, Disha ruled over the hearts of the audience. As the film is all set to re-release on May 12, the actress on Thursday expressed gratitude.

Marking the big re-release of her film, 'M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story', Disha shared the poster on her Instagram story and wrote, "Very grateful for this one"

In this Sushant Singh Rajput won the audience's hearts with his spectacular performance as Mahendra Singh Dhoni in the biopic. Many left spellbound, some were even confused about whether they watched Sushant or Dhoni on screen, clearly proving what a great actor Sushant was. From Dhoni's walk to the way he talks, Sushant took note of everything and that was beautifully depicted in the film.

The biopic based on the former Indian cricket captain's life. The film became one of the highest-grossing Bollywood films in 2016. Apart from Disha and Sushant, the film also stars Kiara Advani, Anupam Kher in pivotal roles. **ANI**

**Pretty in pink**

**Nine times B-Town beauties embraced the hot pink style**

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# Tough ladies

## On screen, these actresses in uniform can make any baddie scram for cover

Bollywood actresses have been breaking barriers and stereotypes in their portrayals on screen, and one such role that has gained a lot of traction in recent years is that of a fierce cop. These actresses have proven that they can deliver performances that are as powerful and impactful as their male counterparts. Here is a list of some Bollywood actresses who shattered stereotypes and played the role of a fierce cop.

### Sonakshi Sinha

For her OTT debut in Dahaad, Sonakshi plays a fearless and invincible cop who takes on the bad guys with ease. Sonakshi who is known for her unapologetically real and no-nonsense attitude is the perfect fit for playing the role of a fierce cop.

### Priyanka Chopra

Priyanka Chopra is one of the most versatile actresses in Bollywood, and her role as a police officer in Jai Gangaajal is proof of that. She plays an upright officer in the film and her real portrayal in the film earned her critical acclaim.

**We take a look at actors who shattered stereotypes to slip into the role of a fierce cop**

### Tabu

Drishyam was not the first time Tabu played the role of a cop, she was one in the movie Khuda Kasam with Sunny Deol. But with Drishyam she was playing the Inspector General which is a very high post in the police hierarchy. She was tough, intense and extremely in her portrayal as IG Meera Deshmukh.

### Rani Mukerji

Rani Mukerji is so good as tough cop that her role in Mardani was not only much lauded but the film itself is seeing several sequels. Baddies beware if Shivana Shivaji Roy is on your case!

# Amber Heard 'quits' Hollywood and moves to Madrid

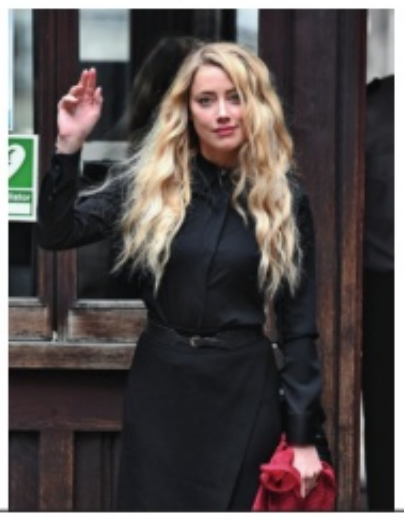
Actress Amber Heard has reportedly quit Hollywood and moved to Madrid, Spain.

"I can reveal that Heard has quit Hollywood and quietly relocated to Spain with her young daughter Oonagh," the Daily Mail claimed in an article published Thursday, reports pagesix.com.

According to the jo urnalist of the portal, a friend of Heard said: "She's bilingual in Spanish and is happy there, raising her daughter away from all the noise."

The friend also told the outlet that the 37-year-old actress may one day return to Tinseltown.

"I don't think she is in any hurry to return to work or to Hollywood, but she will probably come back when the time is right, for the right project," the friend explained, per the Daily Mail report.



Notably, Heard sold her Yucca Valley, California, home in July 2022 for $1.1 million.

Since then, she has spent plenty of time in Spain. Last October, the actress was photographed flaunting her bikini body on the beaches of Palma de Mallorca.

Days prior, she was spotted playing with her daughter, Oonagh, 2, at a kids' park during her Spanish getaway. The mom of one has largely kept her child out of the public eye since welcoming her via surrogate in July 2021. **--IANS**